



Westport Municipal Advisory Council

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Summary Minutes – May 5, 2015

- 1) **Roll Call** – The meeting was called to order at 7:05 PM. The following Directors were present: Thad Van Bueren, Sally Grigg, and Robert Scott.
- 2) **Approval of the minutes of the April 2, 2015 meeting** – The minutes were approved as submitted by unanimous vote, having been moved by Sally Grigg and seconded by Robert Scott.
- 3) **Public Expression—(Discussion Only)** – None at this time. Peter Dumars was in attendance and participated in scheduled agenda items. Director Scott suggested the WMAC consider presenting a Citizen of the Year award to Gary Quinton.
- 4) **New Business—Discussion and Possible Action**
 - a) **Standing Dead Timber** – This topic was recently considered by the Board of Supervisors and Director Knapp attended in behalf of the WMAC. A discussion ensued about the practice of intentional killing of tanoaks with herbicides. The WMAC has previously commented on timber harvest plans based on community concerns about public health, pollution, wasting resources, and related issues. Another major concern is the potential fire hazard. The merits of sending a letter to the BOS was suggested by Director Knapp in an email distributed to the WMAC Directors prior to the meeting. Director Scott moved and Director Grigg seconded a motion to have Director Knapp prepare a draft letter for consideration at the next meeting. The motion passed unanimously.
 - b) **Speed limit in Westport** – This item was raised at the previous meeting by Frank Maurice. In his absence, the matter was postponed until the next meeting.
 - c) **Broadband Update** – Bill Knapp reported on three changes related to Broadband:
- 5) **Old Business—Discussion and Possible Action**
 - a) **Telephone infrastructure** – This matter was postponed until the next meeting in Director Michel's absence.
 - b) **Broadband Update** – This matter was postponed until the next meeting in Director Knapp's absence.
 - c) **Inviting Legislators to Visit Westport** – Director Scott reported he had contacted Ruth Valenzuela at Assemblyman Jim Wood's office and Heather Gurewitz at Senator Huffman's office. Both would be interested in attending the Fire Department's BBQ (August 15) to meet citizens of our community. Director Scott will follow up.
- 6) **Announcements/Correspondence—(Discussion Only)**

WMAC Alternate Director vacancy was noted.

- 7) **Set preliminary agenda for next meeting** – The Meeting date will be the June 2, 2015
- a) Standing dead timber
 - b) Telephone service/PUC update
 - c) Broadband update
 - d) Citizen of the Year Award
- 8) **Adjournment** – The Meeting was adjourned at 7:43 PM

The foregoing minutes approved by the WMAC

Thad Van Bueren – Chair

Bill Knapp, Secretary

Date: _____

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